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Applicant : Webler et al.
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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over the elongated shaft for delivery. Clearly, a substantially continuous external surface between ferrule and elongated shaft will facilitate such purpose.

It is respectfully submitted that Lafferty does not teach all the limitations of independent claim 1 or independent claim 17, as presently amended, and therefore, these claims are allowable and should be passed to issue.

Accordingly, because claims 2-9, and 31-32 depend from the allowable claim 1, and claims 19 and 33-34 depend from the allowable claim 17, it is respectfully submitted that for this reason alone dependent claims 2-9, 19 and 31-34 are also in condition for allowance and that they be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-9, 17, 19 and 31-34 be allowed and the application be passed to issue. Any fee that may be due, or any refund that should be credited, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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